

REMARKS:

In the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004 ("Office Action") the Examiner objected to claim 2 and rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §102. This reply cancels claims 5 and 6, amends claims 1-4 and 7-10, and adds claims 11-13. Therefore claims 1-4 and 7-13 are pending and under consideration. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration or further examination.

I. Filing of certified copy of foreign application

The Examiner states that the Applicant has not filed a certified copy of the foreign application. Contrary to the Examiner's statement, the Applicant filed a certified copy of the prior foreign application on February 11, 2002. Included with this reply are copies of the filing receipt, the letter, and the first page of the certified copy.

II. Response to claim objection

The Examiner asserts that claim 2 contains informalities. This reply amends claim 2 to address the issue raised by the Examiner.

III. Response to §101 rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §101. This reply cancels claims 5 and 6 making the issue moot.

IV. Response to §102(e) rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035515 ("Moreno"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP § 2131.

Claim 1 is patentable over Moreno at least because Moreno does not describe each and every element of claim 1. Claim 1 recites the feature "requesting the recipient to confirm as to whether the recipient approves or rejects reception of the goods." Moreno does not describe this feature. The system described by Moreno operates such that the goods always get delivered; thus, recipients never have the option of approving or rejecting reception of goods.

Claims 2-4 and 7-10 are patentable over Moreno for at least the same reason claim 1 is patentable over Moreno.

V. Addition of new claims

This reply adds claims 11-13. These claims are patentable over Moreno for at least the same reason that claim 1 is patentable over Moreno.

VI. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

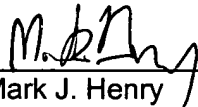
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 8. The sheet containing Figure 8 replaces the original sheet including Figure 8. In Figure 8, the text "COMPLETED" has been replaced with the text --COMPLETED--.

For the convenience of the Examiner, an annotated sheet showing the changes made is attached. Approval of these changes is respectfully requested.



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Mutsumi MATSUMOTO

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Group Art Unit:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING DELIVERY GOODS AND
COMPUTER PRODUCTS

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s)
herewith a certified copy of the following foreign application:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-008844

Filed: January 17, 2001

It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing
date(s) as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the
requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,

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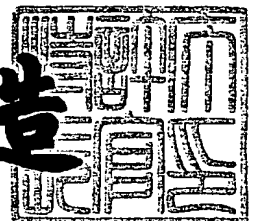
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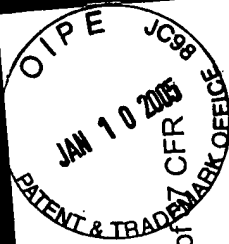
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